

ROSENA, CALIF.

Church matters are more hopeful for the future. We have Sunday school at 10 A. M. and preaching at 11 A. M. Also preaching at 7 P. M. every Sunday. Our congregations are increasing right along. People are coming by scores to Rosena. They come from San Bernardino, Redlands, Riverside, Los Angeles and the gold mines. Some come to work, others to see the place. Hundreds of men are employed. Some are plowing, some grubbing, some burning brush, some pulling plum root, quite a number of 8 horse teams are breaking down the bushes, others are dragging and scraping and leveling the ground for irrigating. There are, I suppose, in all, well on to two hundred teams at work. There are, I presume, three hundred men employed, digging the canaigre root and hauling it to Rosena. Some days two car load of the root come in a day. Then here in the yard near the depot, quite a lot of men are cutting the root for planting. They only take the upper part of the root for planting. The other part will be manufactured into a liquid state for tanning purposes. In a few days they will commence planting the root. It is said that one machine will drop and cover 30 acres a day. This is the greatest boom in the state of California. It is carried on by the Anglo-American Canaigre Company. Mr. Carothers is President of the Co. and Mr. Wall, Vice President. The company pays \$1.50 per day for a man to grub or burn brush. \$3 per day for a man and two horses. Men board themselves and find their own tools to work with. The general freight agent of the Santa Fe R. R. was here to day. He said he did not pay very much attention to the boom at first but he is now sure it has come to stay. Mr. Beamer, the manager of the Santa Fe R. R. was here yesterday and the Chief Engineer was also here. They are now at work building a depot. We have now a telegraph office in Rosena.

Yours truly,
JNO. NICHOLSON.

WOOSTER, OHIO.

As we have been silent for some time we will try and give you a little church news again. Yesterday, on Easter Sunday, we met for worship at the Zion Hill church, it being our regular day for service. We had a good meeting as usual and the good spirit was working in our midst. When Brother Kieffer gave the invitation one soul was made willing to respond to the call of the Spirit and came out and confessed Christ. She will be received into the church by baptism in two weeks. We think others were made to

feel that all was not well with them but they are still waiting for a more convenient time.

Oh, if people could only realize that procrastination is the thief of time, it seems to me they would not put their return to God off one day. We are not so many in number at this place but we still feel that we have the right spirit ruling over our little flock. Brethren and sisters pray for us that we as a church may ever stand firm for the truth and that through the influence of the church many may be brought to the true light of the Gospel. We expect to have our business meeting in one week from next Saturday, on May 1st.

MRS. C. B. SCHLOSSNAGEL.

ORION, IND.

I am going to let you know what we are doing. You have never heard from us in the past for we have just begun our work for the Master. You may hear from us quite often in the future. We have started a Sunday-school in the Baptist church. Although we have not everything our own way as yet, but hope to have in the near future. Pray for us that the spirit may lead us and guide us in all we undertake, and that we may accomplish it for Christ's sake. Brother Yoder is going to preach for us as often as he can during the summer. Pray that the Father will give him strength and health to carry on the good work.

Your sister in Christ,
LOTTA CHANDLER.

WEST INDEPENDENCE, OHIO.

I have just recovered from a severe case of measles. Had to miss my regular appointment for four weeks but was able to do my regular work on last Sunday and Sunday night here and after the sermon the invitation was given and one sister came out on the Lord's side. Expect to go to my other appointment on next Sunday at Gretna. Expect to continue my services for another year at West Independence and Gretna. Both points seem to have taken on a new life in the good cause.

Yours Respectfully,
M. S. WHITE.

MILFORD, IND.

We have had two more additions since our last report. One by relation and a confession last night. The Lord is blessing this congregation as he is many others.

April 12, '97. G. W. RENCH.

* This is the law of benefits between men. The one ought to forget at once what he has given, and the other never to forget what he has received.

CLAYPOOL, INDIANA.

The Brethren church is moving steadily with Brothey D. A. Hopkins at the helm. He met with us April 11, which was his regular appointment. He preached Saturday evening, Sunday morning and evening. At the close of the services one man stepped out and made that good confession. Our spring communion services were observed Monday evening following. It made our hearts glad to see so many of the brethren and sisters seated at the tables, partaking of the Lord's meal. Ministers present from abroad were S. G. Hubbard and B. H. Flora. Brother Hubbard gave us an excellent talk on feet washing. Brother Flora presented to us some strong gospel points. We all feel that we have been spiritually benefited.

The above ministering brethren have our thanks for their valuable assistance.

M. M. MINEAR,
Corresponding Secretary.

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The best philosophy—a contented mind.

The best law—the golden rule.

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